Construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal Ela.

279. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the necessity for the construction of a channel on the western side of the Kottukal *Ela* in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they are aware that representations regarding the necessity for the same and the extreme hardships felt by the ryots for want of it were made during the Budget debates of 1104;

(*b*) the action they have taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that to a representation made by the people to the present Executive Engineer in Tulam 1105 the latter replied in writing that the Government must be moved in the matter?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A report on the representation made in the Assembly has been received from the Chief Engineer and the Government are considering it.

(*c*) No.

Acquisition of land belonging to the Kalavur Devaswom.

280. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any land belonging to the Kalavur temple, Chirayinkil taluk, has been acquired for the Quilon-Trivandrum railway extension;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the amount to be disbursed on account of the acquisition and the date on which the accounts were settled; and

(*c*) whether the *Ooranmakars* of the above temple applied for the amount due to them, and, if so, for what reasons the amount is not yet (17-7-'30) paid?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As many as 43 cases were filed under the Land Acquisition Regulation in 1090 and 1091 in respect of lands belonging to the Devaswom and compensation to the extent of Rs. 7,600 was awarded therefor.

(*c*) Mr. M. Kochukrishna Pillai, Munsiff's Court Vakil, Attingal, holding a power of attorney from the *Ooranmakars* of the temple, applied to the Division Assistant, Trivandrum, for payment of compensation, and a reply was given to him by the Division Assistant to the effect that the compensation amount would be disbursed to him if adequate security was given and a statement recorded to the effect that the money would be utilised for the benefit of the Devaswom. Mr. Kochukrishna Pillai does not appear to have furnished the necessary security and hence the compensation amount has not been disbursed. When this is done, necessary action for the disbursement of the amount will be taken under the Regulation.

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